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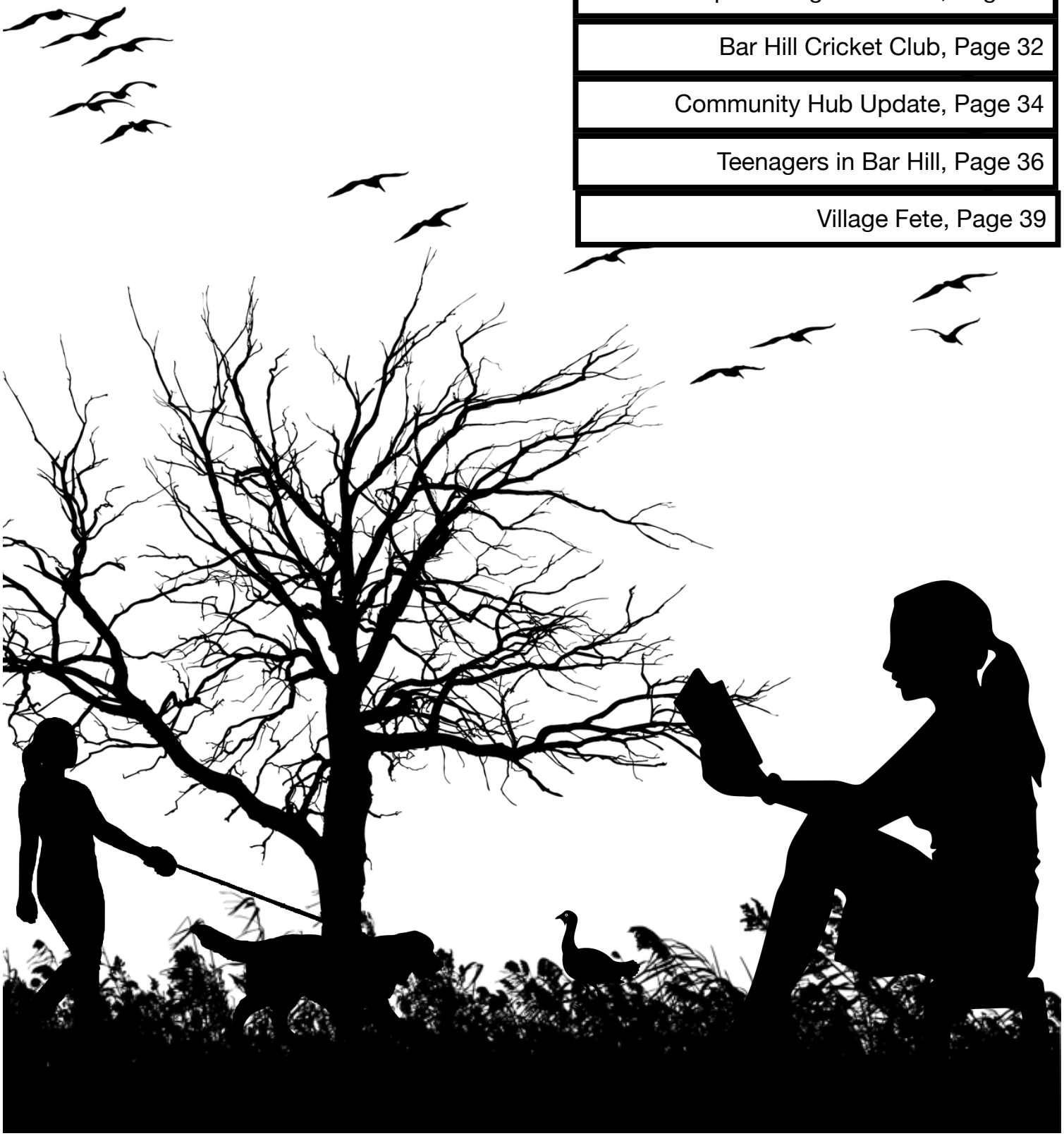

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EDITORIAL

May 2022

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NOTICES & LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please send your letters & notices to **bhn-editor@barhillca.org**. Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone for their kind words, many cards and flowers following the passing away of Roger on 7 April 2022. It has been a great comfort to us all as a family. I moved with Roger into the village in the late 1960s and we were one of the first residents. Over the years Roger was a Parish Councillor, Resident's Association chairman and a District Councillor. It meant a lot to him to serve the community he loved and see it grow into the thriving place it is today. He truly loved the village he chose to make his home. How could he have known that when by chance he saw an advert for a new village being built, came out to take a look and ended up signing up for one of the new builds in Otter Close that he would spend the rest of his life in the village?

The funeral will be held on Wednesday 4 May 2022 at Great St Mary's Church in Cambridge at 11am, followed by a short service for family and close friends at Cambridge Crematorium.

We will be gathering after the crematorium to celebrate Roger's life. Details are to be confirmed but it will be in Bar Hill. If you would like to join us please do contact Pippa for details and so that we have an idea of catering requirements. – pipgebrekiros@gmail.com. Telephone 07982427372.

With many thanks again

Jo Hall, Pippa and Simon

EDITORS NOTE: A tribute to Roger - who was also one of the first Trustees for the Community Association - will come in a future issue.

OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Catholic Church Serving Bar Hill

Parish Priest: **Fr Adrian Gates** (Hospital Chaplain (Resident in Ditton), **01223 622690**), Local: **Bunty Waters (01954 201421)**

Mass is now held in the Octagon at 6.00pm on Saturdays.

Everyone is very welcome.

FOR SALE (MAR): Square 4 wheel shopper - brand new. Please contact **07939432304**

The deadline for submissions is 6pm on the 15th of the month. Please send submissions to **bhn-editor@barhillca.org** - the earlier the better!

NOTICES & LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

I find it very hard to believe that after only a couple of weeks - if that! - of the new bus shelter being installed at Tesco it has already been subject to an attack of graffiti!

I will never understand what drives some people to want to destroy things like this, I sincerely hope that the CCTV at Tesco caught them and that the police are involved. I'd encourage anyone with any knowledge of this incident to report it to the police (on 101).

Damaging village amenities like this is never acceptable - they should be thoroughly ashamed!

Laura Chapman, Foxhollow

Dear Editor,

The 'team' have made a good job in the majority of the village and removed the cuttings, but I have been shocked by the state one area has been left in !

It is beside the Spine path , near its start at Little Meadow road . For a stretch of several hundred yards the work debris has not been removed.

I have taken many photo's but the Parish office seems always closed.

Dawn Stewart

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Your Community Hub

May 2022 Service Timetable

2 May	No Hub	No Hub	No Hub	No Hub	No Hub
9 May	Coffee Stop	Foodbank	Citizens Advice 9-12	Listening Ear (Mental Health Support)	Carers Café 10.30 – 11.30
16 May	Coffee Stop	Foodbank	Citizens Advice 9-12	Listening Ear (Mental Health Support)	Health & Wellbeing
23 May	Coffee Stop	Foodbank	Citizens Advice 9-12	Listening Ear (Mental Health Support)	PC Surgery
30 May	Coffee Stop	Foodbank	NO Citizens Advice	Listening Ear (Mental Health Support)	

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you

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Listening Ear: We are happy to listen and have a fully qualified Mental Health First Aider

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers

Carers Café: On the **2nd Monday** of the month, by Maple Surgery, who will be providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery (starting in March).

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How to protect yourself

- Only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust
- A bank or service provider will never contact you out of the blue requesting remote access to your device.
- If you believe your laptop, PC, tablet or phone has been infected with a virus or some other type of malware, follow the NCSC's guidance on recovering an infected device.
- Protect your money by contacting your bank immediately on a different device from the one the scammer contacted you on.
- Report it to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or via **actionfraud.police.uk**. If you are in Scotland, please report to Police Scotland directly by calling **101**.

Bar Hill Church news

Services

Sun 1 May, 10:00 am	Holy Communion (Anglican)
Sun 8 May, 10:00 am	All Together Worship
Wed 11 May, 10:00 am	Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 15 May, 10:00 am	Holy Communion (Baptist)
Sun 22 May, 10:00 am	Morning Worship
Sun 29 May, 10:00 am	Quaker meeting

Children's activities (KidZone and TotZone)

Children's activities take place in the Octagon. KidZone is for children aged 5 years and upwards. TotZone is for children under 5 years old. Our usual pattern is that on the first Sunday of the month, children leave after the first hymn and return for the Communion part of the service. The second Sunday of the month is usually All Together Worship and the children remain in church for the whole service. For other Sundays, children leave after the first hymn and remain in the Octagon for their activities, parents collect their children from the Octagon after the service.

Church Contacts

Church Office	Ian Farr	01954 206120 church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk
Address	Bar Hill Church Centre, Hanover Close, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB23 8EH	
Website	https://barhillchurch.org.uk	
Facebook	https://facebook.com/barhillchurch	

Rev Charles Mather retired at the end of the March. During the pastoral vacancy please use the address enquiries@barhillchurch.org.uk for any queries you would have otherwise directed towards the minister.

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Our profits through Rosie in Stitches are over £500 so far in 2022. Thank you for visiting our stall at the Bar Hill Community Market, overwhelmingly our visitors decided that the aliens are from Mars.

Rosie in Stitches will be at the Bar Hill Community Market again from 10.30am on Saturday 7th May with gifts or mascots for Father's Day and any other forthcoming event.

We are continuing to join marketplace events on facebook, details are on our facebook page **https://bit.ly/rosie-is**

We would like to thank everybody who has helped us by buying from or serving at the tea-bar in Clinic 21 of the Rosie since 1985 raising money for the Rosie (and previously the Mill Road) maternity hospital so we could provide facilities and equipment not funded by the NHS.

In the year before lockdown we were only able to partially fill the tea-bar rota due to a shortage of volunteers. We had recently checked how many volunteers would be able to continue to help with the tea-bar after the pandemic and only 2 felt they could continue helping. We hope that the Rosie will be able to find a good new use for the tea bar and wish Clinic 21 well.

Our Annual Meeting Report can be found in full on our website. Mary Sanders thanked Chris Cooper for taking over as Treasurer from David Sanders, who had been Treasurer for the last 40 years. Chris has already helped us into the 21st century, by persisting in working with Barclay's to get online access to our accounts. We should give an enormous thank you to Sally Munday, who has been quietly and single-handedly keeping the Teabar stocked with provisions since 1988. We also need to thank all those volunteers who turned up for sessions over the years to keep it open, particularly Elizabeth Bowden who was the mainstay for many years and Ann Laskey, who kept in touch with the volunteers and produced regular rotas. We have not been able to hold in-person stalls selling our goods, but our knitters and crafters have carried on under Avril Williams' guidance, producing lots of beautiful goods, which Avril has been able to sell on-line, raising us much-needed funds, while other methods were impossible. Thank you, Avril. Mary Cooper has been helping me for many years as Secretary, not quite as busy with meeting Minutes as usual.

We are continuing to accept donations of unwanted crafting materials for our crafters to use or for us to sell on eBay. We are still recruiting new crafters to our team, with some lovely toys and cushions received recently.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of crafters or display a small selection of wares. Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615 further details are given on our website www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.

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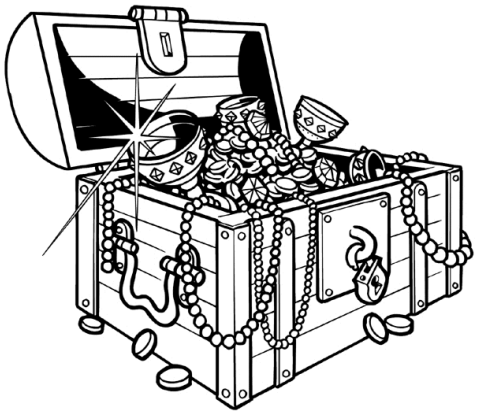

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Bar Hill library

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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Unfortunately Stagecoach has not yet responded to the questions I have put to them, about the concerning reduction in their services. The 'merged' routes have been unpopular and I have had several complaints. Stagecoach promises to communicate but have not yet done so. They need to be much more proactive about their approach. They have stated that they will meet with me and other councillors and perhaps we will learn more. The situation is difficult and made worse by the lack of bus funding from the government in the latest regional funding applications.

I have been discussing a path round the ring-road in Bar Hill now with officers for some time now. The current situation is that we are now looking to secure initial funding which would enable officers to conduct a full survey of the area. This will enable them to consider what options are possible, and, if these are workable, to potentially secure a place on the County's Transport Infrastructure Plan. Obviously there is a need for proper consultation with residents and further information will be provided when it is available. There are many calls on the County's budget, and many stages to go through, but this is an important first step on the road to delivering a proper footpath and cycleway around the ring-road.

Bar Hill library

Our local library in the village has now re-opened. The opening hours are:

Monday: 10am – 5pm
Tuesday: 2pm – 5pm
Wednesday: 10am – 5pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 2pm – 5pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday: Closed

We look forward to seeing you there!

Cllr Edna Murphy - Bar Hill Division, Cambridgeshire County Council
Edna.Murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, **01223 577005**

Bar Hill Pre-School

In March and April Bar Hill Preschool have joined in with the World book day celebrations dressing up as our favourite characters and made pictures of our favourite stories for our board display. We have had a role play area based on the library theme.

We have made some presents for our mums for Mothering Sunday and cards for Easter.

We have started preparing the garden for planting some vegetables and have some frog spawn and caterpillars we are watching closely to help us understand how they change.

May is a busy month with lots of fun scheduled with our annual fundraising bounce and we are looking forward to celebrating the Queens Jubilee.

Are you interested in finding out more and booking a place for your child? Contact enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk or call 01954 782892. You could also visit our website www.barhillpreschool.co.uk for an enrolment form.

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Bar Hill Skatepark

Welcome to first update from the Working Party regarding a new Skatepark!

We met for the first time on the 22nd March and myself and Anthony were joined by 12 residents! Dave Wright agreed to take the Chair, with Anthony Mitchell as Vice Chair, and myself (Andy Pellew) as secretary.

The second meeting was held on the 12th of April (to coincide with the publishing of the Bar Hill News).

The aims of the working party were agreed - provide the village with options for a Skatepark in the form of a Parish Poll - as was the timeframe (six months). It was agreed that each of the options would have the location, the initial cost, as well as the ongoing costs.

Regarding sites in the village discussions centred around the old site and, potentially, the derelict petrol station site adjacent to the A14. The village green was ruled out as being totally unsuitable.

Regarding the skatepark itself two options are being considered; indoor and outdoor. The advantage of indoor is that the space is much more controlled and charges to access the park can then be used to pay for maintenance. The site could also host other businesses. There is shortage of indoor skateparks in the Cambridge area (in fact if you look at a UK map Cambridge is an island without one).

The advantage of outdoor is that it will be open all year round to anyone who wants to use it. This will be more like the old park that was replaced.

It was provisionally agreed to use the name "Saxon Park" to refer to the site, however the preference of members of the working party would be to have the school name it - maybe as a competition?! However the school was closed for Easter and so that idea needs to wait until the next meeting (which is unfortunately after this magazine is published).

We have reached out to companies that design/ construct skateparks for their advice, as well as to Northstowe Town Council to see what they are planning with the new development there.

We have also reached out to people who used to use the skatepark for their thoughts on what we should be considering when we start working on designs.

If you'd like to see the old skatepark in action then here's a video; **https://youtu.be/p3uyDhqF_FY**

This is a competition from 2012.

Future meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Sports and Social Club. The next meeting is on 10th May.

If you can help we'd love to see you there!!

Would you like to be involved?? You can join us via WhatsApp; https://bit.ly/bh-skatepark

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Just a reminder for all 2021 members that all memberships fell due for renewal on 1st April and as usual the court access code was changed from that date. 2022–3 membership details are available on our web site and you can join and pay on-line.

Membership entitles you to play at any time throughout the year until 31.3.23 as well as at our Tuesday and Thursday club nights. There is an active WhatsApp group for members to share information and find playing partners.

If you would like a "taster" your first visit to our Club nights is free and we welcome players of all abilities – why not give it a try. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Courts can also be hired for private play via our website.

Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.30 to 9pm through to autumn and beyond if the weather is favourable. We look forward to seeing you!

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Bar Hill Primary School

Panathlon Final

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Mother's Day Lunch – 28th to 31st March

We were delighted to welcome Mums back into school to enjoy a special Mother's Day Lunch with their children. In the past, this has always been a very popular event and was immediately fully booked. Over the course of the 4 days, we welcomed 60 Mums, everyone had a wonderful time. One parent said "it's so lovely to come back into school and enjoy this experience with our children, thank you so much"

Family Fridays – 18th, 25th March & 1st April

As Parents Evenings have now become virtual, we have welcomed Parents and Carers to our new Family Friday sessions. These sessions have been an opportunity for children to share the learning and brilliant work they have been producing, with their family. We aim to make these a termly event.

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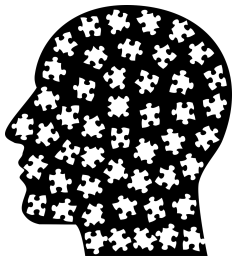

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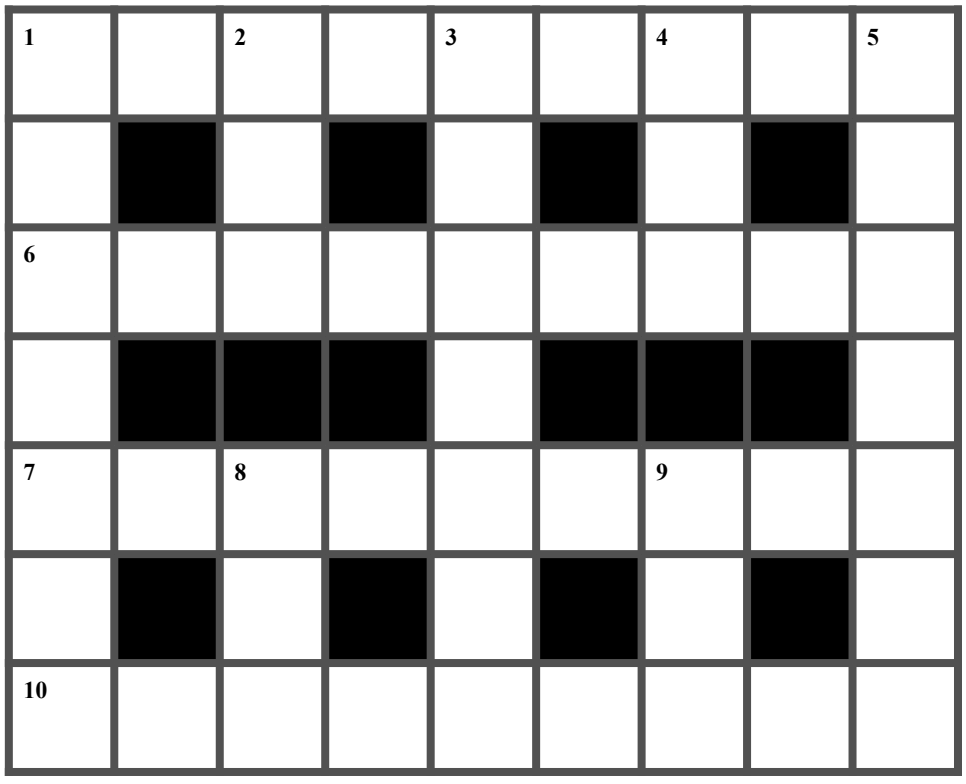

Knit and Natter Group

We are delighted to announce that the "Knit and Natter Group" will be meeting again after around 18 months.

We can be found in The Octagon on a Thursday afternoon from around 1.15 p.m.

This group is well established in the Village having started in September 1997 in Joan Smart's house with around 6 people.

We have grown since then and welcome around 40 ladies each week. The purpose of the group is to provide friendship and a regular social event and knitting projects for the Knitters to work on. (Our afternoon is punctuated by tea and cake!) Most of the knitting is given to charities who need baby's clothes and blankets.(However, you do not have to knit to belong to the group.)

We have provided plenty of baby hats for the new born babies at The Rosie Hospital in colours (red, amber and green) to indicate whether they need extra attention. We have sent sets of baby clothes to a Children's orphanage in Sachi Bondu in Africa and many, many blankets to Care Homes, and provided hand knitted hats, scarves and gloves for Christmas in poorer European countries, among many other things.

We are always happy to welcome new people into this friendly group which has proved valuable to many people living alone and/or newly moved into the village.

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The large Main Hall has multi-purpose vinyl flooring, making it flexible for all types of events. There is a kitchen alongside the Hall with a serving hatch, making it useful for self-catering at parties, discos and the like. The licensed bar can be booked on request and will be serviced by the Sports and Social Club. The Hall opens out onto a large patio area that is ideal for external activities or a spill-over for internal events and has two bolted gates that lead off the premises.

There is also a small Meeting Room, with its own independent access and great for meetings of up to 10 people.

The Village Hall is a UK-registered charity (number 1002579) and run by a committee of trustees who are committed to the on-going development of the Village Hall's role as a key community facility.

To make a booking, please visit our web site **barhillvillagehall.com** and then email **enquiries@barhillvillagehall.com** to confirm arrangements.

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New Clerk

The Parish Council would like to welcome our new Clerk, Lyndsey Copeman, who joined the Council just after Easter.

Grass Cutting

Our grass cutters are continuing to cut the grass around the village. Please could residents help by keeping the grassed areas free of obstacles and ensuring vehicles are not left close to or on the grass causing obstruction for access by mowers, or potential for damage by grass cuttings for debris. In these cases, the contractor will have to leave these areas uncut. We hope all our green spaces are looking neat and tidy for everyone to enjoy.

Flytipping

It has come to the attention of the Council that flytipping has been going on around the village. If the responsible person(s) cannot be found the clear up falls to the council. The costs for removal are then payable by the council from taxpayers money. Please could residents dispose of their waste correctly.

New benches

The Council has purchased some new benches that you should see installed in the coming months. They are to be sited along the spine path near Hillcrest and around the village green.

Lost property

The Council has a range of lost property. If you have lost something in the village over the last few years please get in touch by email with a description.

We will be looking to dispose of any unclaimed items in May.

Next Meeting Dates

12th and 26th May

Useful Links

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South Cambridgeshire District Council

Statement of Persons Nominated

Election of Parish Councillors

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a Parish Councillor for:

Bar Hill

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Reason why no longer nominated*
BLADEN Lindsey	(address in South Cambridgeshire)	Independent	
CASWELL Geoff	(address in South Cambridgeshire)		
HOWARD Brian Arthur	135 Pheasant Rise, Bar Hill, Cambs, CB23 8SD		
MITCHELL Anthony William	(address in South Cambridgeshire)	Independent LGBT+ Candidate	
TAMULONIS Geoffrey Phillip	48 Oatlands Ave., Bar Hill, CB23 8EQ		
WATERS Bunty Elizabeth	77 Foxhollow, Bar Hill, Cambridge, CB23 8ES		

*This column will contain any decision of the Returning Officer that a nomination paper is invalid, or another reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated.

The persons above against whose name no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

Liz Watts
Returning Officer

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I'm not asking what type of vicar or minister you think Bar Hill Church should find, I'm just wanting to know what this community thinks about itself and its vision for the future.

To that end, would you mind answering a couple of questions, which hopefully, if I get enough responses, I can track some trends!

So here goes:

Question 1:

How would you sum up Bar Hill to a visitor?

Question 2:

What are your hopes for this community?

As one of the founders of the Covid-19 Support Scheme, the Hub and our village Citizens Advice service, hopefully you know that I would not want to waste your time, and would really value your instinctive responses to these two questions that will give me a sense of the 'heart beat' of our superb community and so help the church position its search for a new minister.

You can email me at:

secretary@barhillchurch.org.uk

Or drop your written answers in the Bar Hill Church letter box on the outside wall of the main church building, marked for my attention (Kevin Potts).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

After the break due to covid restrictions we are back to playing bowls again.

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 10pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £1.50 per week but the 1st week is free.

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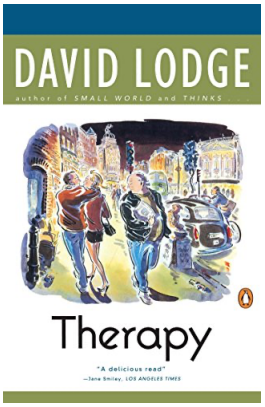

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We are looking for new members to join us, so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along and join us.

6th May: Bingo and a Quiz

13th May: Casino Afternoon

20th May: Auction or Raffle

27th May: Bingo and a Quiz

3rd June: Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Indoor pot luck picnic?) Meeting 12 – 4pm

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Anne Plumb,**01954 780364**, **anne@rwp10.plus.com**

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All the Guiding units in Bar Hill District are looking forward to spending time outside and having adventures away from the meeting place this term.

We are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a District event on Thursday 26th May which will include planting a tree as part of the Queen's canopy.

If you would like more information about Girlguiding in Bar Hill District, please don't hesitate to contact me (**di.gunton@outlook.com**) or look on the Girlguiding website: **Girlguiding.org.uk**

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22-SEP: 7.30pm in The Meeting room of the Octagon

27-OCT: AGM to be held at 7.30pm in the Meeting room of the Octagon

24-NOV: Christmas Event, time and place to be announced

We will hopefully be able to do the Poppy Collection as usual in Tesco during November.

For further information please contact Wendy Arrowsmith on **01954 781381** or Malcolm Cox on **01954 488657** or just come along to the February meeting.

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Bar Hill Cricket Club

We're almost ready for the start of the season, with our first game on the village green due to take place on Saturday May 7, when Cam Kerala thirds will be the visitors.

That is the first of 14 scheduled fixtures in CCA Junior League, Division 4W, with the final match on August 27. The other teams we will be up against are Stapleford, Over & Willingham II, Cottenham II, Milton III, Steeple Morden and Camden II.

We will also be competing in the Cambridge Business Houses League, where matches are played on midweek evenings from 6pm. Our first match is on May 27.

Look out too for some Sunday cricket, including the annual Fred Styles Memorial Match against the Social Club.

We are always on the lookout for new players – if anyone is interested, please get in touch as below.

Remember, youth training sessions return to the village green from Wednesday May 4th. Training will be from 6-7pm every Wednesday and is open to all ages from 8 to 14 (or thereabouts) and no previous experience or equipment is necessary.

Our qualified and DBS-checked coaches will run the sessions and all equipment is provided. Training will be with hard or soft balls, according to age and experience. The cost is £15 per player for the whole summer (siblings of the first child enrolled cost just £10).

Keep an eye on our website at barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page for the latest information.

May's home fixtures:

Saturday 7: Cam Kerala III (league)

Saturday 21: Over & Willingham II (league)

Tuesday 24: Royal Society Chemistry (midweek league)

Saturday 28: Cottenham II (league)

Tuesday 31: British Antarctic Survey (midweek league)

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Bar Hill NWR

Bar Hill NWR (National Women's Register) is a friendly group of like minded women who meet every two weeks in members' homes discussing a variety of topics.

NWR CONNECTING WOMEN

May 12th, what is the oldest book in your bookcase?

May 26th, what is the scariest thing you have done?

If you are interested in joining please contact the Local Organiser Marie-Thé on **780329** or her deputy Julie on **201502**.

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The Hub - what's happening?

We kicked off our new Church Activity, the Hub in September 2021, with a clear sense of vision, but unsure of the response we'd get. Well, to say the team is pleased with the response would be an understatement. It genuinely seems like we have tapped into a community appetite for accessing the services on offer.

Each Monday morning, the Coffee Stop led by Sue Kenchington and team, consistently draws around 40 or so villagers, and the hubbub of conversation, mixed with the aroma of coffee and homemade cakes, creates a wonderful rhythmic vibe throughout the Octagon, building community through people coming together.

Citizens Advice is now booked up with appointments often two or three weeks ahead, offering a broad range of advice, so typical of this highly regarded organisation.

Our Foodbank continues to be a bit of a puzzle. Demographically and comparatively with the surrounding foodbanks, there ought to be a much higher usage, an unusual feature which has been present from the very beginning of the Bar Hill Covid-19 Support Scheme. We do of course receive requests for help (probably a couple per month), both directly and through third party organisations such as the district council, but we continue to explore this focus to ensure we are meeting the actual needs of our village.

The Parish Council Surgery offers its in-person service on the 4th Monday of the month and as you can probably imagine, is an opportunity for members of our community to voice any issues or concerns they may have.

Our Health & Wellbeing group, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, led by Wendy Arrowsmith, is building nicely with a regular group enjoying the exercise and focus on a healthy lifestyle, Wendy is so passionate about. Mind you, it's great to then see them, visit the Coffee Stop, post their group session to enjoy the refreshments and warmth of a good chat with friends, new and old.

Starting on the 2nd Monday in March, Catherine Trippier, the new Practice Manager of the Maple Surgery, supported by the surgery's Social Prescriber, will be leading what is known as the Carers Cafe when carers within the community, who may not necessarily be patients of Maple Surgery, will be able to gather for encouragement, support and advice, followed once again, by a visit to the Coffee Stop.

All in all, the Hub has got off to a good start, incorporating several related services . . . all it seems, 'scratching where it's itching'!

Warmly, Kevin

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Swavesey RADSOC returns to live theatre with

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What is there in Bar Hill for Teenagers?

There has long been a presence in Bar Hill of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups; a rich seam of fun activities and good old fashioned outdoor skills. I recently talked to Dave Wright who is Group Leader at Bar Hill Scouts. Dave, who was a Secondary school teacher in North London, moved to Bar Hill with his young family in 2014, told me the group gives boys and girls the opportunity to "Learn new skills, play games and make friends". Children from the age of six through to 14 years may join, and the Bar Hill group has 45 Children and 2 Young Leaders on its role at present.

Asking himself "What is there in Bar Hill for teenagers?" Dave saw a plea for volunteers for the Cubs pack and attended a meeting where he became Assistant Scout Leader later stepping into the role of Group Scout Leader.

We wandered over to the Scout Hut which Dave told me "Is clearly showing signs of Age!" The Hut, standing rather forlornly on the Village Green, is certainly long since overdue a replacement or major overhaul. Dave said a replacement would cost 80K to 90K and, when the group lost out on a share of our community's A14 compensation sweetener from Highways England to the now infamous footpath, the Group realised this was an unachievable goal. Incidentally, the new path stops just short of the Scout hut. The rutted and damaged path in front of the hut remains as is.

However, during lockdown, the Scout's dedicated treasurer Jenny Sinclair, successfully applied for grants from the government as compensation for loss of activities for the youth during the Pandemic. This went some way to kick start urgent repairs on the Hut. New roof insulation has been installed ensuring warmth in the winter and coolness in the summer. The Insulation was sourced by Group Chair, Helen Bishop.

The group were also able to buy new kit for their popular camping trips, including new tents and a generator. I asked Dave what activities are offered to children who attend a camp. "Amongst other things, archery, fire building, axe throwing, wood carving skills, rock climbing, chopping wood, orienteering and hiking. Hiking is the favourite and most requested activity" he replied. There have also been trips to pursue kayaking, sailing and even white-water rafting! That's quite an impressive list!

I asked Dave what we as a community, could do for the Scout Group. "Volunteer to help" he told me. The group runs on strict adult to children ratio. If there aren't enough adult helpers, some activities just can't go ahead.

Would you "Be Prepared" to help young people learn new skills and enjoy themselves? You could make a huge difference by volunteering for their Four Week Challenge. Contact the group at info@barhillscouts.org.uk for details.

By Bridget Wilson

Remembering Bob Sadler and his significant contribution to our village

You may not know the name but I'm sure most of you, in one way or another, will have benefitted from Bob's amazing contribution to our village. Sadly, Bob passed away too soon in February and I felt that we should publicly recognise what he achieved on our behalf.

In 1992, parents of pupils were called to a meeting at the school where they were made aware of plans to redevelop the Tesco site incorporating a 30,000 square foot unit and HGV turning point in front of the school gates! No-one in the village knew about these plans despite the fact they were almost at the final approval stage. An action group was formed against these plans and lots of villagers rallied round to protest against an unsuitable redevelopment plan for a village built with no through routes. Tesco were very surprised to suddenly have objections to the scheme but although they got planning permission, they listened to objections, amended their plans and we are now living with what they went on to build.

Bob was one of several who joined the Parish Council to help make sure that the village benefitted from this work. From an initial offer by Tesco of around £25,000 and some space above one of the shop units for use as a Parish Council office, the Council managed to secure £1.2m!.This was completely down to Bob's experience as a surveyor, his knowledge of planning practices and the contacts he could draw on to advise the Parish Council. He was also very good at sitting quietly in key meetings with developers, listening to discussions and then asking the pertinent question or making a killer observation! Tesco needed tiny slivers of land to widen the roundabout to get two lanes of traffic into and out of the village and space to service the rear of the store, so they were able to buy these strips of land, worthless for anything else, but with 'ransom value' for their development.

There was wide consultation about what to spend the money on. Top of the list was a footpath round the village – there's a surprise, second was a swimming pool (if land could be found, there was enough money to build one, but not enough for the ongoing costs of heating, chemicals and life guard salary) so these ideas were not pursued. Instead, here are some of the many ways this funding benefitted all age groups within the village (with nearly 30 years since this happened, please accept my apologies for any omissions!)

- Redevelopment of the Village Hall
- Redevelopment of the toilets and kitchen in the Octagon
- Footpaths from nearest street to post boxes and/or bus stops
- New play equipment in the park
- Skate Park (can't remember if this was the original build of the skate park or the subsequent re-surfacing)
- Mower and Roller for the Cricket Club
- Independent Parish Council/Resident's Association Building (for Parish Council meetings and production of the Bar Hill News) and for use by other groups for meetings etc. Construction of office at the entrance of the village to provide a regular income for the village (since converted to a house).

As you can see, we owe him a lot. I hope, as more and more normality returns to our lives and we are once again able to meet at the park, at the village hall, for tea after a church service, on the village green while watching cricket, or even just getting the bus into town or posting a birthday card - we take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the legacy he left us all.

Lorraine Silk

Olive Tree Bereavement Group

Our next meeting will be on held on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 10.30a.m. in the Octagon.

We will be pleased to see you if you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

This is a very welcoming group where you can talk quite freely and your confidence will be respected. There will be time to share your experiences, listen and have discussion as well as getting to know others in the group, with time for refreshments too.

If you are wondering whether the group is right for you, please phone one of us to talk about it.

The leaders, who are CRUSE Trained, and members of the group will offer a warm welcome and you will be in the presence of people who have been through loss and understand the particular pain and difficulties that this brings.

So for more details telephone Sue Kenchington **780260**, Chris Stannard **781978**, or Maggie Cox **488657**.

Crafts Shed - May 2022

CRAFTS SHED meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Scout Hut from 09.30 to 12.30 approximately.

BAR HILL CRAFTS Shed

Registered Charity 1192237

Crafts Shed continues to become an ever-increasing supportive Charity undertaking restoration projects within the Community. Work has already taken place on Park Benches in the Childrens' Playground, Seats on the Tennis Courts, A bench for the Allotment Society. Restoration work has also been undertaken repairing items for individuals plus restoring furniture including a BBQ Trolley.

We also make Bird Boxes, Bat Boxes, Bug Boxes, Planters of various sizes, herb Boxes.

Would you like to come and join us? The only age restriction is eighteen years and over. Please call in and see us in the Scout Hut at the above times. Most months "Shedders" as we are known give approximately 180 hours per month of their time.

If you would like further information, please contact Chris Stannard on **01954 781978** or **07711 623425** or email Chris on **c.e.stannard1@gmail.com**

GO LAWN BOWL!

Coton Bowls Club is opening in May for anyone who would like to come and play. You can find us on the recreation ground in Coton, opposite The Plough pub. Anyone with a pair of trainers (or flat soled shoes) can play, so why not come along for a friendly game and a cup of tea or something a little stronger afterwards? Parking available.

Our ***Bowls for All*** open sessions will be on:-

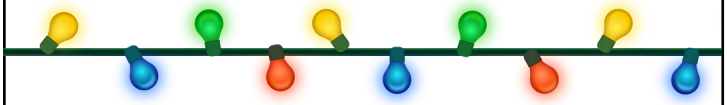
Monday 2 May 2-4pm (bank holiday)

Thursday 5 May 6-8 pm

Sunday 15 May 2-4 pm

Tuesday 24 May 6-8 pm

If you would like any further information do contact Alyson on tel: 07958 444047, email: opensessions@cotonbowlsclub.co.uk, or check out our website: www.cotonbowlsclub.co.uk



Bar Hill Fete and Festival Update

Fete and festival planning going ahead for 2nd July - lend some help, sponsor the event or book a stall by emailing **fnf@barhillca.org**.

Stall booking prices for 2022 are as follows;

Charities, organisations, or clubs operating in Bar Hill - £10

Private companies - £15

Stalls will be open from 2-4.30pm.

To book a stall / get more information email **fetebookings@barhillca.org**.

Most stalls to be available on the village green, but we also have (very) limited availability in the Church.

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Bar Hill Sports and Social Club

Happy new year everyone, hope you all had a lovely break.

Its that time of year again when membership needs renewing or if you are looking to become a member;

membershipmojo.co.uk/barhillssc

The new menu launched in November is a huge success and we will continue to have 25% off every Wednesday from 6-9pm.

Any venue queries should be sent to **bhssc.stewards@btconnect.com** or **01954 781881** ask for Helene

Any admin/membership queries should be sent to **bhssc.secretary@outlook.com**

Our website is **www.barhillssc.co.uk**

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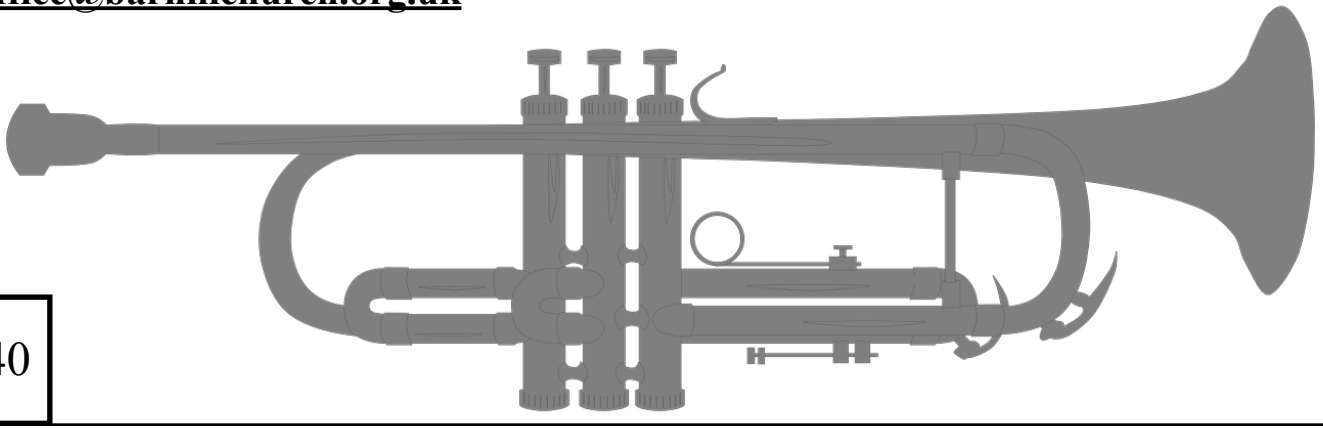
The price for a ticket will be £8.50 and £3.50 for children. Light refreshments will available to purchase during the interval. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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